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SUBJECT: FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER

1. IN MY FAREWELL CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING HE WAS MORE THAN CORDIAL, DWELLING AT SOME LENGTH ON THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE INDIA HAD ATTACHED TO OUR RUPEE SETTLEMENT AS HAVING BEEN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE INDICATION THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTED TO PUT BEHIND IT THE DAYS WHEN INDIA WAS DEPENDENT ON US FOR FOOD, AND ALL THE INEVITABLE OBLIGATIONS WHICH FOLLOWED FROM THAT DEPENDENCE.
2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THEN STATED THAT "HAVING BOUGHT FOUR MILLION TONS OF WHEAT FROM YOU THIS YEAR FOR HARD CASH CAN YOU POSSIBLE SUPPOSE WE WILL SUBMIT TO THE TERMS YOU WILL TO IMPOSE AS A CONDITION FOR A LOAN FOR THREE LIKE TONS?".
3. THIS WAS SAID WITH A SMILE. I AGREED WITH A SMILE. I SAID HE MUST KNOW THIS WAS DONE IN THE BUREAUCRACY. HE SAID "OF COURSE."
MOYNIHAN

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